**Lamwo RDC calls for lightning arrestors in refugee settlement-Uganda**

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Lamwo Resident District Commissioner (RDC), William Komakech, is advocating for the installation of lightning arrestors in buildings in Palabek Refugee Settlement to avert lightning strikes in the area.

His call on Tuesday, November 5, 2024, follows the [Saturday lightning strike that hit a Catholic chapel](https://www.newvision.co.ug/category/news/18-lightning-strike-survivors-discharged-from-NV_198973#google_vignette) in the settlement's Zone 2, Block 8, killing 14 people, while 34 others were left with multiple injuries.

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Komakech revealed that only a few facilities within the settlement are equipped with lightning arrestors, leaving the community vulnerable to lightning strikes.

Office of the Prime Minister spokesperson, Charles Odongtho, acknowledged that the refugee settlement is prone to lightning strikes and that they are making arrangements to support the families whose loved ones perished in Saturday’s incident.